A TALK WITH THEIR HIGH PRIEST, WHO CLAIMS TO BE DIRECTLLY DESCENDED FROM AARON, THE PROPHET.

A Visit to the Synagogue at Shechem and a Look at Its Manuscript Bible Over 3000 Years Old-An Unsatisfied American at Jacob's Well-On the Road to Galilee-Queer Features of Travel and Traffic-Where Abraham Farmed, and Where Salome Danced for John the Baptist's Head.

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a lineal descendant of Aaron, the brother of Moses. I refer to Jacob, the high priest of the Samaritans. He belongs to the tribe of Levi, who in ancient times were at the head of the priesthood, and claims to have a genealogical tree which reaches from then until now. His family has lived here for more than 3000 years and high priest has succeeded high priest until this man took the position at the age of 15, his childless uncle, the high priest, having died. That was 62 years ago, and Jacob has been high priest ever since. He is now almost 80, and he looks. I imagine, as Aaron he looks. I imagine, as he latter or Moses may have looked in the latter part of their lives. Over six feet in height, he has the face and form of a prophet. His long beard falls down upon his chest and his scholarly face is refined and spiritual looking.

The Oldest of Bible Manuscripts. I met Jacob here at Nablous, on the site of old Shechem, within a stone's throw of the well where Christ talked with the Samaritan woman. It is not far from a farm which Abraham owned, and about on the spot where Joshua gathered the tribes of Israel together and read them the law of Moses. Our conversation took place in the

heart of the city in the synagog of the Lamaritans. I had to go through vaulted passageways and cavelike streets to reach it. I had an interpreter with me, and as we talked together the high priest showed me the original parchments of the five books of Moses as they were written by Abou, the son of Ben Hassan, the son of Eleazar, who, you remember, was one of the two sons of Aaron by Elisheba, wife. The high priest tells me that these five manuscripts were written only 12 years after the Israelites came into the Holy Land, and that they are now \$575 years old. They are the oldest Bible manuscripts in existence. They are written in the Hebrew of the times of Moses, upon long sheets of parchment about two feet in width. The scrolls are rolled upon three rods, ack tipped with a silver knob as big as a teacup, and they are so arranged that they can be rolled and unrolled as they are read. The ink is still plain. and the letters distinct, although the parchment is yellow with age. The manuscript is treasured by the Samaritans, being kept in a brass case inlaid with gold. It is said to have been dug up about 300 years ago, and it has formed a subject of controversy oriental scholars. The Samaritans believe that it was written by the grandson of Anron, as the high priest here claims; but the Jews reject it as false, denouncing the Samaritans as pagan

The Samaritans of 1916.
I was surprised to find that there were any Samaritans living. I supposed that they had been swallowed up by the Mohammedans, and other Syrians who have absorbed everything in Pal.stine excepting the Jews. I find, how-ever, that there are about 200 in Nablous, and that they practice the same religion as they had when Christ came. They annually celebrate the feasts of the Passover and Pentecost on Mount These feasts are different from those of the latter-day Jews. At the time of Christ the Feast of the Passover was eaten reclining and as though at the end of a journey rather than at the beginning.

outcasts from the children of Isreal.

The Samaritans eat their Passover with their shoes bound upon their feet and staves in their hands as though ready to start out on their wanderings in the wilderness. They do this on the top of the mountain, camping in tents. They smear the blood of the sacrifice upon the tents to commemorate the passage of the angel of death over the houses of Israel. They dress in white garments, and they kill the animals which are burnt according to the methods which were in use when Aaron lived. The sacrifice consists of buck lambs, each of which is carefully examined that it may be without wound or blemish. At a given signal the throats of the lambs are cut, and at the same time some of the blood is caught in a tin cup and smeared over the tent. As the blood flows the people miles to see Jacob's well. shout out the words "There is but one I prove that I've saw it" God." and they shout this sentence and again. At the same time Jacob, and followed by a prayer of thanksgiving.

The meat for the sacrifice is cooked over a fire in the earth. As soon as the animals are killed they are scalded and thrust through each lamb, and it is John the Baptist, could do so, laid on the hot coals of a fire made in Over the Hills From Jerm a trench. The meat is then covered

ABLOUS, Palestine, Dec. 18 .- 1 with brush and earth, The people conhave just had an interview with tinue to pray as it cooks, and keep on praying until the sunset approaches At ten minutes after sunset they begin to eat the meat, throwing the bones into the fire without breaking them. In my talk with the high priest he contended that the Samaritans were the only true Israelites, and spoke of the prophet Samuel as a sorcerer. He paid his respects to the Jews in no measured tones. He gave me a litle book he had written concerning the religion of the Samaritans, and at the close was by no means averse to a present of silver for which he thanked me in a dignified way. After I returned to my camp, which is on the outside of Nablous, some of his followers brought me his photograph, and a model of the five books of Moses which they offered to sell for a song. The Samaritans are exceedingly poor and are despised by both Moslems and Jews. At Jacob's Well.

It was at Jacob's well, not far from Nablous, that Christ met the Samaritan woman and told her of the water of which, if one drinketh, he shall never thirst, but there "shall be in him a well of water springing up into ever-lasting life." You will find the story in the fourth chapter of St. John. This well is one of the holy sites of Palestine, about which there can doubt. The village of Sychar corresponds to the village of Askar, which stands on Mount Ebal, perhaps a thousand feet away from the well where the Samaritan woman lived. The well itself lies just below the new carriage road from Jerusalem. I went through an olive orchard to reach it. It is surrounded by a wall, and is in the heart of a garden now owned by the Greek church, which has made it a resting place for pilgrims. They have built a stone chapel over the well, and services are held there several hours every day.

Some of the priests went with us down the steps to the well. It lies right in the floor of the chapel. about three feet in diameter, built up with stones which are laid in the shape of a tube, being smoothly cut. One of the monks brought a pan which was tied to a rope in such a way that it remained level. Upon this he placed a lighted candle and then slowly lowered it down into the well. It descended was the one over which the boy Christ the original stone upon which Christ sat at that weary hour of noon.

Jacob's well has been known and visited by pilgrims for many years. It was probably once even with the surearth-washings from the mountains nearby have filled up the valley, and it is now considerably blow the country about. Within the past year excavations have been made in the garden, and the remains of a church where Abraham reared an altar and which was built over the well some called on the name of the Lord, and 1500 years ago have been discovered. I found immense granite columns and also many pieces of the stone walls of the church. I persuaded the Greek priest who lowered the pie pan with the candle upon it into the well to come into the sun and be photographed.

travelers, conducted by one of the great tourist agencies, arrived. They were Americans, doing the Holy Land at so much per day, and they were bound to get the worth of their money. One I shall never forget. His gigantic to the well the services in the chapel has come true. them out. As they came into the It was there Ell dwelt and there Han-churchyard I heard Goliath remark. nah came every year with "I ain't satisfied."

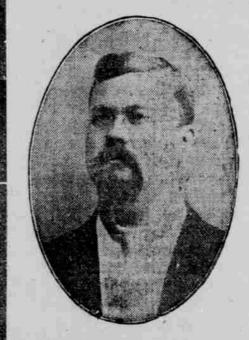
"About what?" said the guide. satisfied about that, well. How do I know there's a well there?"
"You saw it," said the guide.

"Naw, I saw only a hole in the floor. How do I know there's a well? How do I know it has water? I tell you I ain't satisfied. Here I've come 5000 tine mountains. There seems to be a

In short the man so protested that the guide took him back, stopped the there is a service, beginning with a service and had them let down the hymn praising Abraham, Isaac and candle. Further than that he brought up some of the water which Goliath drank at a gulp. This hugh doubting Thomas would not believe in the spot the wool is pulled off. The entrails are too steep, and that if he couldn't removed and salted. Then a pole is crawl down them no one, not even

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from Jerusalem to Shechem. My out- walls. These hills are, it is said, a fit was a three-horse team to which natural sounding board, so that one an American dayton wagon was har- can talk on one mountain and be heard nessed. The horses were good, and on the other, and for this reason the we drove up hill and down on the trot place was chosen for reading the laws. We started at Jaffa gate, past the The town is one of the oldest in hisplace of the Skull, where Gen. Gordon tory. It was founded long before Jeruthought the Savior was crucified, and salem and before Jacob's time. It is

climbed Mount Scopus, which joins Samaria, where Ahab had his ivory Olivet, and rode under the hill on palace and where Herod the Great whose top was Mizpah, where Samuel owned a royal mansion and entertain-was buried and Saul annointed king ed, so it is said, his lords at his birthof the Jews. There is a mosque on that spot and the place is holy to lome came in and danced. You remem-Jews, Christians and Moslems, alike, all ber the story. Her dancing, which I of whom worship at Samuel's tomb. doubt not was that of the nautch girl, Mizpah lies on a peak about 3000 feet so delighted king Herod that he told above the Mediterranean, and on one of her she should have whatever she askthe highest of the Judean mountains ed, even to the half of his kingdom. It is where an army of crusaders stood She thereupon, as her mother suggestunder Richard the got their first sight of Jerusalem. As Baptist, who was lying in prison nearthey looked king Richard knelt down by, and this bloody gift was brought and thus played:

of Thy enemies."

turies ago. Jerusalem was then owned of the columns are still to be seen. by the Mohammedans, and it is held by them still.

perhaps 60 feet before it came to the and the holy family came when they water. The sill of the well is of traveled up to Jerusalem to celebrate marble, and shows the marks of the the Passover. It is one of the highropes which for ages have been low- ways of the Holy Land, and is still ered into it. The sill is some distance traveled by thousands. About 13 mines above the floor, and it may have been beyond Mount Scopus we stopped at Beeroth, a stone village surrounded by green orchards of figs and pomegranates. This is one day's journey from Jerusalem, and tradition says it is where Joseph and Mary, as they were face of the earth, ut the debris and returning to Nazareth, discovered their 12 year old boy was not with them and they went back and found Him teaching the wise men in the temple.

A little farther on we came to Bethel, where the Benjamites lived, where Jacob took stones for his pillows and dreamed that he saw ladder extending to heaven and the angels ascending and descending there-The name Bethel, which means the house of God, has now been charged to Beitin. It is a poor stone The Unsatisfied American. village of about 500 peo.
While I was at the well a party of ruined tower and a church

little farther on toward Samaria, is now wide, but all are dirty and filthy.

Called Seilun, and, as Jeremiah prophesied, it is nothing but ruins. Where it stood is a mound covered with debris, broken columns and rubbish, so that frame was such that I shall call him the prophecy, "I will make this city a Goliath. When the party went down curse to all the nations of the earth,"

Nevertheless Shiloh is one of the for her little son Samuel, whom she had given up to the Lord. It was there that Joshua divided the land, and there the Philistines stole the Ark of a terrible epidemic of that most fatal the Covenant.

Travel in the Holy Land.

I am surprised at the caravans which are continually crossing these Palesand women on donkeys coming up to ness.

Jerusalem. Some were from Galilee, "T others from Damascus and not a few from the mountains of Lebanon. crowd told us that its people were Mo-hammedans, and that they were makwhere our Lord was baptized in the ing a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Jordan, saying that the banks were tomb of Moses. There were many too steep, and that if he couldn't women among them. They sat astride their arms.

We passed many camels. Some were loaded with white building stones slung in a network of rope on side their humps. They were taking them to Jerusalem. Others were ridden by women and men. I saw one which had two veiled women clad all in black on its back, with two boxes

below them, each box holding a baby. Another party was composed of Sa marian women on their way to a Mos-lem festival. They were red-haired and as straight as royal trees. They carried their baggage in bundles on top of their heads and walked single file. Behind them were women from Leban-Arabic. They were tattooed on lips, chin and cheeks, and their heads were frowsy and dusty. They were nothing on the head and their bodies were clad in long cotton gowns embroidered with red. Only a few were good looking and all seemed prematurely old. In Old Shechem.

I am now living in my tents outside this old town of Sechem, my camp facing Mount Ebal and above me Gerizim, the holy hill of the Samaritans. It is very near the spot where the laws of Moses were read by Joshua to the assembled children of Israel, the counry being the shape of a great amphiheater of which the hills form the

then crossed the valley of Kedron. We within about six miles of the city of day party, while his stepdaughter Sa-Lion-Hearted and ed, demanded the head of John the on a great plate or charger.

"O Lord God, I pray Thee that I The old town of Samaria has long never may again see Thy Holy City if since fallen to ruin. Its site is a I may not recover it from the hands mound with some broken pillars and The old town of Samaria has long That prayer was untered seven cenorchard not far away in which more subject of his connection with the mine

As to Schehem, or Nablous, it thrives and is one of the liveliest towns in the Holy Land. It is the chief commercial center between Damascus and Jerusa- | ed that he was bored to death at hav lem and is populated almost altogeth- ing to remain so long away from New er by Mohammedans. There are some York. Jewish merchants, but neither Jews nor Christians are welcomed. I have been told to watch out as I go through the streets, and to take care not to provoke anyone. Several times the boys have thrown stones as our party of party and men spit as we pass them. People yell out "Nazarenes" at us, and my guide refuses to let me photograph them, saying it will surely get us in trouble. The city is so fanatical that even the Christian women go about with veils over their faces. The English nurse, who is working here in the Charity hospital, is velled like a Mohammedan when she goes out on the street. Otherwise she would create comment, and her reputation and work might be ruined.

Nablous has about 30,000 people, and it is the center of a considerable trade. It is made up of stone houses and stone bazaars, roofed with galvanized iron. Many of the houses are built over the streets, and going through the town is like going through catacombs. Some village of about 500 people, with a of the streets are so narrow that you can stand in the middle and reach both Shiloh, which lies just off the road a walls with your hands. Others are

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"The only remedy for the disease, so far as known, is buttermilk, which does not always help, except where the germ has not yet taken hold. I should recommend everyone owning even though it appears perfectly well, to give it buttermilk, even forcing it down the cat's throat, twice a day to upon donkeys, some carrying babes in the extent of two or three liquid ounces as it will, as a rule, make them im-mune from the disease.

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New York, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Rumors are afloat that Nat Goodwin, actor, has been sued for divorce by his fourth wife, who was Edna Goodrich the actress. While these rumore are tented, it is admitted that Nat and Miss Goodrich are estranged. A divorce action may develop later on.

The incident which is said to have led to the trouble between Goodwin and his fourth wife is declared to have occurred in Toronto, Canada, last Phanksgiving day. A friend of Miss Goourich tells the story as follows:

"Mr Goodwin had gone to Toronto several days previous to the holiday to telling untrue stories to Mrs. Goodwin. subject of his connection with the mine mine for many years. promoting firm of which Graham Rice "I wish the public were as loyal as the dramatic profession. Then I would not have to werry about these stories. was the active partner. He had secluded himself to a certain extent and had written letters to his wife that indicat-I have had three failures in my life-John Brew had twelve." near the city, resting. Her attorney. Herman L. Roth, also denied at his of-

Unexpected Call.

dinner and, accompanied by a maid, boarded a train that set her down in Toronto on Thanksgiving day. She had given no hint of her coming and arrived at Mr. Goodwin's hotel unannounced, She went to the door of the actor's suite and knocked.

"What she discovered when the door was opened has not yet become known except to her most trstued friends. It is all in the papers in the case which are in the hands of her attorney. Herman L. Roth. Miss Goodrich returned to New York next morning.

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